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METHODS OF MAKING

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed February 27, 1997, please enter the amendments which follow on the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 33 as follows:

Q1  
SUB E1  
1. (Amended) A blast resistant container comprising at least three bands of a material, a first inner band being nested within a second band which is nested within a third band, said bands being oriented relative to one another to substantially enclose a volume and to form a container wall having a thickness substantially equivalent to the sum of the thicknesses of at least two of the bands, the outermost band being substantially seamless and blast resistant.

Q2  
SUB E2  
33. (Amended) A blast resistant container comprising three tubular bands of a composite material, each of said bands being substantially rectangular in cross-section, a first rigid inner band being nested in a second band which is nested in a substantially seamless blast resistant third band so as to form a rectangular prism having six faces each of which has a thickness substantially equivalent to the sum of the thicknesses of at least two of the bands.